

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 7 beginning on line 16 and ending on line 22 with the following:

Folding step system 30, Figs. 3-9, in contrast, was designed particularly for use in connection with a standard grooming table or SUV or other use. In the preferred embodiment shown, U-shaped angled forward frame member 33 34, Fig. 4 forms two spaced legs 34 and 36 connected by base member 38 36. U-shaped vertically disposed rearward member 40 is hinged to forward frame member 33 34 and includes two spaced legs 42 and 44 connected by base member 46. Connecting rod 48 (see also Figs. 6-9 and 11) spans and interconnects legs 42 and 44.

Please replace the paragraph on page 8 beginning on line 20 and ending on page 9, line 4 with the following:

Typically, tubular U-shaped angled forward frame member 32 including legs 34 and 36 38 and base member 38 is square in cross section and tubular U-shaped rearward frame member 40 including legs 42 and 44 and base member 46 is round in cross section except at hinge area 90 where flat tang 92 is formed at the distal end of each leg 42 and 44. In this way, the hinged connection between legs 42 and 44 and legs 34 and 36 includes tangs 92 received in slot 94 of each leg 34 and 36 of angled frame portion 32 as shown in Fig. 10. Fastener 98, Fig. 4 completes the hinged connection between legs 34 and 36 and legs 42 and 44. Connecting bar 100, Fig. 9 also interconnects legs 34 and 36.